



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 220 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 28, 2016, up slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 28, 2016, up slightly from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## **Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down Slightly**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 28, 2016, down slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 28, 2016, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through May 28, 2016 for the United States were 3.73 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2016

State	Week ending					
	April 23, 2016	April 30, 2016	May 7, 2016	May 14, 2016	May 21, 2016	May 28, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,655	28,833	29,103	28,399	28,582	28,713
Arkansas .....	22,036	22,000	22,520	22,878	22,559	22,596
Delaware .....	4,892	5,071	5,075	5,066	4,851	5,058
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia .....	34,589	34,061	33,641	34,472	34,740	34,732
Kentucky .....	8,090	7,369	8,345	6,798	8,145	7,934
Louisiana .....	3,695	3,695	3,712	3,620	3,682	3,651
Maryland .....	8,174	8,091	8,070	7,879	8,163	8,137
Mississippi .....	18,120	18,032	18,196	17,932	18,169	18,272
Missouri .....	7,526	7,852	7,400	7,627	8,083	7,789
North Carolina .....	20,694	19,964	20,661	20,920	21,718	21,458
Oklahoma .....	6,749	6,851	6,581	6,826	6,439	6,582
Pennsylvania .....	4,651	4,762	4,469	4,722	4,554	4,711
South Carolina .....	5,333	5,450	5,554	5,481	5,491	5,565
Texas .....	15,661	15,503	15,617	15,701	15,846	16,031
Virginia .....	6,587	6,604	6,634	6,631	6,576	6,570
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,086	12,561	12,423	12,527	12,289	12,072
19 State total .....	208,763	207,924	209,226	208,704	211,112	211,096
Percent of previous year .....	101	99	99	99	100	100
Other States .....	8,758	8,838	8,192	8,490	8,657	8,700
United States .....	217,521	216,762	217,418	217,194	219,769	219,796
Percent of previous year .....	101	99	99	99	101	100

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States and United States: 2016

State	Week ending					
	April 23, 2016	April 30, 2016	May 7, 2016	May 14, 2016	May 21, 2016	May 28, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	20,790	20,843	20,677	20,407	21,217	21,247
Arkansas .....	20,547	20,458	20,743	19,672	21,143	21,400
Delaware .....	4,731	4,505	5,345	5,186	6,467	6,063
Florida .....	1,142	1,137	1,139	1,140	1,155	1,053
Georgia .....	28,369	27,976	28,464	28,310	27,376	27,508
Kentucky .....	6,204	6,384	6,182	6,865	5,897	6,867
Louisiana .....	3,069	3,185	3,252	3,246	3,295	3,311
Maryland .....	6,978	7,350	6,251	6,404	5,184	5,835
Mississippi .....	14,845	15,038	15,050	15,519	15,295	14,971
Missouri .....	5,512	6,041	5,947	5,953	5,735	5,461
North Carolina .....	17,115	16,895	16,510	16,436	16,276	17,441
Oklahoma .....	4,588	3,906	4,212	4,211	3,437	3,528
Pennsylvania .....	3,521	3,632	3,802	3,633	3,755	3,497
South Carolina .....	5,078	4,669	5,259	5,016	5,103	4,548
Texas .....	12,942	12,779	12,708	13,056	12,922	12,759
Virginia .....	4,790	5,537	5,519	5,830	5,661	5,528
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,000	11,185	9,621	10,881	11,446	11,589
19 State total .....	171,221	171,520	170,681	171,765	171,364	172,606
Percent of previous year .....	99	99	99	100	99	99
Other States .....	6,923	6,627	6,856	6,654	7,212	6,530
United States .....	178,144	178,147	177,537	178,419	178,576	179,136
Percent of previous year .....	100	99	99	100	100	100

## Statistical Methodology

**Survey Procedures:** Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

**Estimating Procedures:** All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness. Individual hatchery data are summed to State, 19 State total, Other States, and the United States.

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**Reliability:** Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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